

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 20th February 2023

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Dates for your diaries

Reminder of Times Doors open 8.45am
Registers 8.55am Collect at end of day 3.15pm

Family Assemblies 2.45pm

Reception Fri 24th Feb THIS WEEK!

Year 5 Weds 1st March

Year 4 Fri 10th March

Year 3 Thurs 16th March

Year 6 Fri 24th March

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tue 28th or Thurs 30th March

Palm Service Weds 29th March

Last day Fri 31st March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1st -16th April 2023

INSET 17th April

Back to school Summer term 18th April 2023

Bank holiday Mon 1st May 2023

Bank holiday Mon 8th May 2023

Yr 6 SATS Tues 9th – Fri 12th May 2023

Y2 SATS – During May

Half term 29th May-2nd June 2023

Yr4 – Multiplication Check-June

Yr1 – Phonics screening week beg 12th June

Transition day Thurs 13th July

Last day Thurs 20th July 2023 1.30 finish

Inspiring all to 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'

Library –Every Monday after school 3.20-3.45 The library door is the first door as you go round to the playground from the fitness equipment. Come along a borrow a book. Please remember to return any books you currently have on loan.

Reception's Family Assembly- This Friday

We look forward to our Reception's first family assembly. We recommend that if you have younger siblings you try to arrange childcare. However, we understand this may be difficult, so we ask that if you do attend with younger siblings it is usually easier to sit at the back for a quick escape if they are finding listening difficult.

Reading At Home

In Reception and Key Stage 1 we teach children to read using our synthetic phonics programme 'Read Write Inc'. We systematically teach the sounds using the RWI core story books with red sight words and speed sounds in. We then send home the corresponding book or flashcards which will allow your child the opportunity to consolidate their learning and accelerate progress. This book should be prioritised and should be read lots of times to ensure your child becomes fluent when reading. How can we support reading at home? <https://youtu.be/VGsqPohuALo>



We supplement this offer with a closely matched book from the classroom, which may require adult support. We have just purchased lots of brand new exciting titles across key stage 2. Please encourage your child to take good care of the books they bring home and remember to log their reading on the GoRead App.

REMINDERS:

Fresh named water bottles and reading book bag EVERY DAY

We are a nut free school – we have pupils with allergies

Morning snacks – Fruit or cereal bar or plain biscuit/cracker

PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE- DO NOT DRIVE DOWN THE LANE

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Our School Value;



Deuteronomy 31.6:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

2 Timothy 1.7:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Absence

If you are reporting absence please e-mail our attendance email before 9am to attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk this will go straight to Mrs Dove our attendance officer. If we have not heard from you we will make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern. Please also remember to cancel their chosen meal before 8am.

FODS

Thank you for organising such a lovely valentine disco £499.47 was a raised and lots of happy children enjoyed the occasion.

Their next event is **the FOD's World Book Day- Costume and book Sale**

We are looking for donations of children's fancy dress costumes... Have you got a redundant book day costume you are happy to donate to school this week?

FODs are happy to sort and recycle donated costumes and these will be sold after half term ready for World Book Day 2nd March at affordable prices with proceeds going to school fundraising.

Children's Book donations. We are also hoping to hold a second hand book stall on World Book Day 2nd March. If you have any donations which are in good condition we would be very grateful.

Half Term Sports Holiday Camp Thank you to GC sports for delivering another fun packed holiday sports camp last week. This provided our pupils with lots of opportunities to keep active during half term.